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Examiner: T. Prasthofer

Art Unit: 1627

Application No.: 09/779,389

Filed: February 7, 2001

AMENDMENT

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVED
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7-9, 11 and 13 to read as follows. Please cancel
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1. (Amended) A method of preparing a nucleic acid array on a support,
said method comprising synthesizing a plurality of nucleic acids on said support wherein

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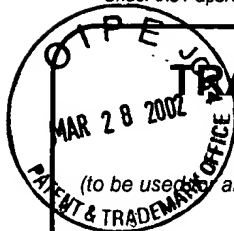
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